

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:32 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Hamilton Ross, Larry Whalen

Dept. Heads present: Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Keith Sowl

Public Present: Linda Fuller, Mike Starck, Gary Russell

I. Public Comment

Gary Russell asked to speak during the Harbors item.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy said that she had spoken to Larry Hildebrandt regarding the revised Zoning Ordinance and that he had said that there was a problem with the Ordinance because it was not bound and the pages were not numbered. She reported that both of these items had been fixed.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$29,172.80 BF/JP 5A MC

III. Minutes

- A. Special Town Board Meeting 12/5/11 not available
- B. Regular Town Board Meeting 12/13/11 postponed till 1/10/12 due to corrections.

IV. Public Works

- A. Roads
 - 1. Ice Road Maintenance Agreement 2011-2012 Ice Road Season [Letter from Nelson Construction dated December 9, 2011]: motion to approve the rates presented in the Agreement: BF/HR 5A MC
- B. Airport
 - 1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklists dated 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2011 placed on file by unanimous consent
- C. Parks
 - 1. Canoes & Kayaks at Big Bay Town Park: Greg Nelson stated that he had been told that the State Park may want to have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town regarding certain issues that arise because the parks are adjacent to each other.
- D. Harbors
 - 1. Management of the Breakwall: Gary Russell presented a diagram that had been delivered to him by Tom Nelson in which Mr. Nelson showed that he has a 140' length of 3/8 inch chain and nylon on the lake bottom going to the *Iffy*. [a boat] Mr. Russell stated that this is "too big for where it's located" and wondered who has the authority to deal with it. Jim Patterson asked if it is a hazard to navigation, and if so, does the U.S. Coast Guard have jurisdiction.
Gary Russell stated that there needs to be a "meeting of the minds" because the water level of the lake is only going to get lower.
Greg Nelson stated that he believes that according to the drawing, it looks like the chain is in a Department of Transportation dredging area. [LATER CORRECTED TO "USACOE" DREDGING AREA.]

Ham Ross felt that this is definitely a navigational hazard and that the chain should be dragged away. Keith Sowl will deal with this immediately.

V. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Department
 - 1. Fire Chief's Report not available
- B. Ambulance Service
 - 1. Ambulance Service Job Descriptions: approved by motion [Administrative Officer/Ambulance Director; Acquisitions Officer/Assistant Ambulance Director; Personnel/Training Officer/Assistant Ambulance Director JP/BF 5A MC
 - 2. Sealed Bids Ford E-350 Econoline van: one bid submitted. Arnold E. Nelson submitted a bid for \$2216.50, which was accepted by motion. BF/JP 4A 1 Ab [Ham Ross] MC

VI. Library not available

VII. Committees

- A. Zoning
 - 1. Hartzell, Robert –re: Land Use Application for Rental of a Single Family Dwelling – Consideration of past nonpayment of fees: this appears on the agenda by mistake.

VIII. Town Hall Administration

- A. Administrative Assistant's Report for December 2011 placed on file by unanimous consent
- B. 2011 Budget Amendment #3 Unspent 2011 Budget Funds Transfer: adopted by motion BF/JP 5A MC
- C. Clarification of rate of fee for research: discussion regarding the amount of time that should be designated. Motion to set the billable rate for research, copying and formatting a public information request at \$30 an hour for time spent over thirty (30) minutes. BF/HR 4A 1 Ab [LW] MC
- D. Resolution #2011-1227B Adopting the 2012 Fee Schedule: 2012 Fee Schedule adopted by motion: HR/BF 4A 1Ab [LW] MC
- E. Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance #2012-01 (Carrying Concealed Weapons): adopted by motion: HR/JP 5A MC
- F. Winter Transportation Agreement Between the Town of La Pointe, Windsleds, Inc. and Madeline Island Transportation LLC. Discussion regarding Town's increased level of commitment. Motion to sign the Winter Transportation Agreement for the 2011-2012 Season. HR/BF 5A MC
- G. Resolution #2011-1227C Wage Resolution 2012 Wages/Pay rates adopted by motion: BF/HR 5A MC
- H. Clarification of Special Event Permit re: Clerk's memo dated 12/15/11: by consensus the Board decided to leave the exemption for "school and civic-oriented events" in the Permit.

IX. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Minutes from STBM 12/5, RTBM 12/13 & 12/27
- B. Breakwall Management and Signage
- C. Responsibilities of the Town Administrator
- D. Department Head Reviews
- E. CAPP Award
- F. Penokee Mine Resolution

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XI. Adjournment at 6:41 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 1/10/12
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk